Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program

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Military Spouse Education and Careers

- Key to Military Family Life Goals
  - Buy a home
  - Send kids to college
  - Career aspirations

- Major contribution to military family financial well-being
  - A second income/career while husband/wife in service to the nation
  - 77% of spouses desire to work
  - 89% want to develop a career

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Education and Training

- A High Priority for Military Spouses

- Research says:
  - Only 1 in 5 spouses have fulfilled their education goals
  - 50% would like to be enrolled in post-secondary schooling (Another 22% are currently in school)
  - 76% cite cost of education as reason not in school
  - Just over half (54%) report that training opportunities would have helped during their last relocation

Spousal support a major predictor of reenlistment

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2006 and 2008 DMDC Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses

Employment Challenges for Military Spouses

- Unemployment rate for military spouses is 13%
- Military spouses earn $3 per hour less than civilian look-alikes
- One in four (27%) could have used financial help with transferring certifications (nursing, teaching, real estate, etc.) during last relocation
- Often not resident of state where assigned
- Not uniformly eligible for in-state tuition or unemployment compensation

Military Spouses Need Equal Opportunities As Civilian Counterparts

ND, Working Around the Military, 2000 Census Update
06 and 2008 DMDC Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses

Where we are now…

- **DoD-wide Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program (MyCAA)**!!!
  - All military spouses of active duty service members or activated Guard or Reserve
    - Period of eligibility for spouses of G&R members is from date of Alert or Warning Order for Military Recall/Mobilization, through activation or deployment until 180 days following De-Mobilization
  - Easy to use, self-directed account set-up process
  - Accessed via MyCAA Portal
  - Military OneSource Career/Education Consultants can help Call 1- 800-342-9647 for virtual professional career and education counseling
  - Up to $6,000 of financial assistance per spouse
  - Portable career focus – 8 high growth, high demands fields and careers spouses know will move with them
- MOS Website: www.MilitaryOneSource.com/MyCAA
- MyCAA Portal: *https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa*

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MyCAA Eligibility

- MyCAA Accounts are authorized for spouses married to an Active Duty or Activated Guard or Reserve Component service member
  - Eligibility will be verified by a DEERs verification check when the spouse sets up a profile and with each Financial Assistance (FA) request
  - Spouses will be notified of their eligibility status via the MyCAA Messaging System or by a Military OneSource consultant

- Who is NOT eligible?
  - A spouse who is also a member of the Armed Forces
  - A spouse who is married to but legally separated from their sponsor

MyCAA Funding

- **Up to $6,000 of financial assistance (FA)** will be committed to each eligible spouse who establishes a MyCAA Account

- **Covers:** Post-secondary education and training, tuition costs, licensing and credentialing fees, degree programs (associates, bachelors, masters, doctoral, post doctoral), continuing education classes (including those offered by professional associations at conferences), Bar, CPA and other similar exams, state certification exams for teachers, medical professionals and similar licensed professionals, and services required to become employed in portable career fields (e.g. finger printing, security checks, drug testing).

- **NOT Covered**: computers, books, fees, student activity cards, child care, transportation, parking, medical services or testing fees which are not covered in the cost of the coursework.

- **FA can only be used for** those things that are DoD approved by MOS Career/Education Consultants in the spouse's MyCAA Career Plan AND which are provided by schools and other payees who are MyCAA program participants.

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Schools & Other Payee Organizations and Agencies

- Must be recognized by the Department of Education, Professional Associations or other approved vetting sources
- Must be listed in the MyCAA portal as participating in MyCAA's electronic billing system
- Must agree to report grades and course completion information through MyCAA and agree to follow the SOC Student Bill of Rights
- Institutions are encouraged to input and upload:
  - Their program information and course catalogs

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Portable Careers

- MyCAA funding is available to help spouses pursue their portable career dreams in fields such as but not limited to:
  - Education
  - Health Services
  - Information Technology
  - Financial Services
  - Trades (e.g. Cosmetology, Construction, Electrician, etc.)
  - Business/Management/Real Estate
  - Hospitality
  - Homeland Security
  - Human Resources
- Spouses may seek careers in more than one field and may change fields at any point -- MOS Consultants are available as career coaches and can help spouses learn how to spread their MyCAA funding wisely
- The ultimate goal is to help spouses find good jobs at each duty station.

MyCAA Spouse Process

Access MilitaryOneSource.com/MyCAA or Call Military OneSource 1-800-342-9647

Enter MyCAA Portal
https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa

Set up a Profile
(Eligibility verified through DEERS)

Read MyCAA Overview and Agree to MyCAA Statement of Understanding

Create Career Plan in MyCAA

Spouse contacts MOS MyCAA counselor for support, review and approval of Career Plan

Apply and Register at Institution. Enroll in class(es)

Request MyCAA Financial Assistance

Attend, pass, and report grades

Seek and Report Employment

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How to get started SUMMARY….

- Visit www.MilitaryOneSource.com/MyCAA to:
  - Set Up Your MyCAA Account and Profile
  - DoD Will Verify Your Eligibility
  - Select a School
  - Develop Your Career Plan (Select Coursework/Classes)
  - Get Accepted at Your School
  - Work with Your School Academic Advisor

- Call Military OneSource Career/Education Consultants for coaching and assistance as needed and to have your Career Plan approved for MyCAA Financial Assistance

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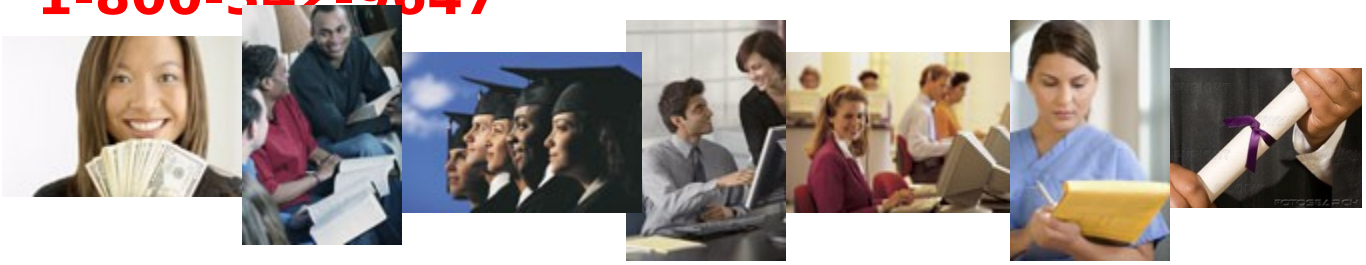

Spouse MyCAA Assistance: 1-800-342-9647

Technical Website Assistance:
MyCAA@InvernessTechnologies.com (for Spouses)
aiportal@bamtech.net (for Schools)

School POC Assistance:
MyCAASchools@MOSCenter.us

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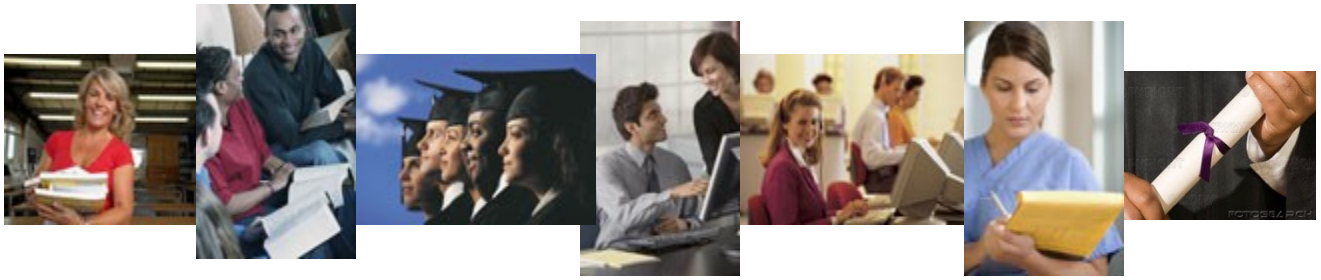

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